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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: New England Power Company, D.T.E. 02-33
Canal Electric Company/Cambridge Electric Light Company/
Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 02-34

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

On September 6, 2002, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") issued separate orders in the above-referenced proceedings requiring New England Power Company ("NEP"), Cambridge Electric Light Company ("Cambridge"), Canal Electric Company ("Canal") and Commonwealth Electric Company ("Commonwealth") (together with Cambridge and Canal, the "NSTAR Companies") to submit information regarding certain decommissioning amounts associated with the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station ("Seabrook"), which was divested by NEP and Canal on November 1, 2002. See New England Power Company, D.T.E. 02-33, at 18, 21 (2002); Cambridge Electric Light Company/Canal Electric Company/Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 02-34, at 18 (2002). Specifically, the Department separately directed NEP and the NSTAR Companies to file a joint statement with FPLE Seabrook, LLC ("FPLE Seabrook") within 30 days of the completion of the Initial Closing of the sale of Seabrook to FPLE Seabrook regarding: (1) the Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount;¹ and (2) Seabrook's decommissioning costs contributed by (i) Massachusetts Electric Company's retail customers through NEP; and (ii) Cambridge's and Commonwealth's retail customers through Canal. See New England Power Company, D.T.E. 02-33, at 18 (2002); Cambridge Electric Light Company/Canal Electric Company/Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 02-34, at 18 (2002).

¹ The terms "Initial Closing" and "Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount" are defined in the Purchase and Sale Agreement signed by NEP, Canal and FPLE Seabrook. See D.T.E. 02-33 (Exhibit NEP-3) and D.T.E. 02-34 (Exhibit NSTAR-3).

Although NEP and the NSTAR Companies have estimates regarding the Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount, as of this date, the New Hampshire Nuclear Decommissioning Financing Committee (the "NDFC") has not issued a Final Order regarding the Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount. The NDFC's Final Order addressing this issue should be issued by the end of December 2002. Accordingly, NEP and the NSTAR Companies respectfully request that the Department grant the companies an extension until 14 days after the issuance of a Final Order by the NDFC to file statements regarding: (1) the final Decommissioning Trust Closing Amount; and (2) the respective amounts contributed to the Decommissioning Trust by customers of Massachusetts Electric Company through NEP and the customers of Cambridge and Commonwealth through Canal.

NEP and the NSTAR Companies are authorized to state that FPLE Seabrook supports this request. Please contact us if you require additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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